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## SEND FOR THE MYSTERIOUS JENKINS.

Advertiser readers were astonished this morning to find that paper denying that it had yesterday published the news that A. L. C. Atkinson had been chosen superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League. The news was substantially correct, though its effect was spoiled by Mr. Atkinson declining the position. The Advertiser's denial that it had published what is the truth, was for the purpose of getting in another whack at the unfortunate Star, which appears to have incurred deep displeasure. The subject is not worth much space, but 'tis a dull day—half a holiday—so we may as well have a bit of fun with the following frenzied paragraph:

A. L. C. Atkinson, in talking this afternoon about the article appearing in this morning's paper, stating that he had been elected superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, stated: "I have never, and neither do I intend now to become the superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League."—Star.

Oh, tell the truth once in awhile if you can. The Advertiser said that Mr. Atkinson was "endorsed," not that he was elected and in its headlines it said he would "lead the fight." Both statements are true, the fight being for local option. The Star itself, headed an article on its seventh page: "Mr. Woolley Going Away—A. L. C. Atkinson His Chosen Successor As Superintendent of the League" which is the nearest anybody has come to the statement that paper condemns. Editorially, the Star says: "At any rate the saloons will probably know they have been in a fight before Jack Atkinson gets through with them." On the whole, the Star should take Chamberlain's remedy for the Foot and Mouth Disease.

Now the fact is, that when it said Atkinson had been unanimously endorsed and that he "will lead," the Advertiser went further than the fact of Atkinson's selection and assumed his acceptance—which was an error. The league will, of course, be led by its superintendent. The next point that strikes attention is, as the quotation made from The Star shows, that we did not "condemn" any Advertiser statement at all. The Star merely mentioned the fact that the morning paper had announced Mr. Atkinson's selection, and then quoted that gentleman as declining the honor, which he was naturally quite able to do without anybody condemning any Advertiser statement. Perhaps the esteemed morning paper is so used to being condemned that it feels that condemnation must be intended anyhow whenever it is mentioned at all. Such a case calls for the attention of Dr. Jenkins, nerve specialist.

A study of the calendar of the federal court here should be quite enough to convince Washington as to the need of an additional federal judge.

## A VERY REGRETFUL OCCURRENCE.

The breaking up of the Kona Orphanage is greatly to be regretted. It was a splendid institution and it appears from the best investigation that there was little the matter with it. It appears that Miss Beard, who was in charge, was not even a follower of the Los Angeles Dr. Yoakum, who was declared to have won her over to his cult and greatly injured her usefulness. She had in fact resented the conversion of assistant teachers to the faith of this "healer." The latter is the conductor of a place known as "Pisgah Home," in Los Angeles, where he claims to have accomplished various miraculous cures. His methods of "casting out devils" appear to have been adopted at Kona by subordinates. It is to be hoped that some plan can be evolved for reorganizing this most desirable institution. Miss Beard has given much of her life to it, and much of her fortune, and her position is one calling for profound sympathy.

## THE TAX COMMISSION.

As the time for making campaign platforms comes near, the Tax Commission ought to receive more attention than so far it has been having. Perhaps the public indifference of which its members complain is due to some deficiency in the modes adopted for bringing the taxpayers into communication with the board. In other words, there may have been too few public hearings, and these insufficiently advertised. Even the commercial bodies, with standing or special committees to attend to the business, do not appear to have given a great deal of assistance to the Commission. For such an important matter it is strange also that the public has not availed itself to any extent of the open columns of the press for discussing the many phases of the everlasting question of taxation.

It is not too late, though, to have the question canvassed in its various bearings. But it may be too late after the different parties have formulated the issues on which they are to take their stand at the polls. Many a time has large expense been incurred for the work of a special commission, provided for by one legislature to report to the succeeding one, only to have the cost and the labor all go for naught because a legislature had in the meantime been elected without authorization from the electors regarding the action to be taken on the particular subjects. For it is not to be taken for granted that what one legislature deems to be advisable in the public interest is going to be adopted by the next legislature. And when important changes in any portion of the statutes are sprung upon a legislature most or all of whose members have never discussed them with their constituents, or even given the matter any study on their own part, there is likely to be a timorous if not antagonistic attitude assumed toward the measure. At all events, such a legislature is not likely, amidst the pressure of matters obligatory upon it, to be well prepared for giving to any new proposition the amount of deliberation required, especially if radical departures from the existing law are involved.

That there is a great deal of opinion on the matter of taxation lying around loose is patent to all who are in touch with the people at large. While popular views on the subject as a science may, to a great extent, be crude there is no question that the taxpayers know where the present laws pinch them and, wherever this is shown, it is the duty of the publicist, in a tax commission or in the legislature, to examine the grievance thoroughly and redress it should that be found practicable and according to the interests of "the great number"—the



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SENATOR BEVERIDGE of Indiana: The only thing the Democratic party did during those two years that has become historic was the pulling down of the American flag in Hawaii, which a Republican President had to restore.

CONGRESSMAN KUSTERMAN, of Wisconsin: If the advocates in favor of this motto on our coins of higher denomination actually believe that it will improve our people and make better Christians of them, then, to be consistent, let us also put "In God we trust" on our 1, 5, and 10-cent pieces, so as to extend the helpful influence of Christianity to the poor newsboy, the bootblack, and to all of those who are not as fortunate as those who possess the larger coins. (Laughter and applause.)

CONGRESSMAN HAMIL of New Jersey: Twice, Mr. Chairman, has the same gentleman borne aloft Democracy's banner, and although the cause that he led went down into the dust of defeat, principles that he espoused were so undeniably sound that his victorious opponents have appropriated many of them and made them the popular features of their policy. (Applause on the Democratic side.)

It is said that this gentleman is engaged in the practice of corralling the delegates for the Denver convention. Well, Mr. Chairman, without questioning the truth of this assertion, we can cheerfully admit that, if it is true, it is a practice for which we have a highly distinguished precedent, for if the reports current in the newspapers are any indication of the truth, it is the very same practice indulged in by the illustrious gentleman whom my friends on the other side of the Chamber boast of as their political chieftain. (Applause on the Democratic side.)

ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL: Representative Littlefield, of the House Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries, in reporting favorably the bill H. 13465, "to amend the laws concerning transportation between the ports of the Territory of Hawaii and other ports of the United States," points out that the purpose of the measure is to afford temporary relief to, and additional facilities for, passenger travel between the Hawaiian Islands and the mainland of the United States. It appears that there have been numerous instances when the time between the sailings of American ships between the ports of Hawaii and those of the American mainland has been from eight to twenty-one days, with intervals of ten or twelve days a frequent occurrence. In numerous cases the American steamers calling at Honolulu en route to San Francisco from the Orient, have not been able to provide cabin space for more than from ten to sixty per cent. of the passengers booked for those steamers. The people of Hawaii say, with much reason, that it was never the purpose in annexing those islands to the United States to make communication with the mainland more difficult than it was when they were a foreign country. No change of the law as regards freight transportation is asked, nor are lower steamer fares sought; the purpose is only to secure the physical possibility of travel when business or personal reasons demand it. Inasmuch as Hawaii has no alternative of land travel, the application of the coastwise laws to those islands has created a total inhibition of travel for the varying periods between American steamer sailings, such as was not contemplated in the passage of those laws. This bill as amended specifically provides that its operation shall cease as soon as a new line of three American steamships shall be placed in this service.

deciding factor in all questions of legislation. Any proposals for maintaining or increasing the revenues without producing inequality or injustice, with respect to adjustment of the burdens, will no doubt be gladly received and fully considered.

In accordance with these considerations, therefore, it is to be hoped that the Tax Commission will make further efforts, while time remains, to get in touch with the mass of taxpayers, and that those who expect to be members of party conventions, where policies are shaped for submission at the polls—still more all who are heading for the legislature—will no longer delay in preparing themselves to deal with this great question intelligently and instructively.

President Pinkham of the Board of Health, whatever his deficiencies as a public official may have been—and it must be admitted by his friends that he is no diplomat—has the credit of a very able and effective administration of his department. If he retires it will not be easy to fill the position as he has filled it. And he has the further and higher credit of a broad charity and personal self-sacrifice in duty's cause which call for public tribute. The President of the Board of Health is more called on for charity than any other official, and it has been forthcoming.

## "BLISTERING WIT"

"The Star should take Chamberlain's remedy for the Foot and Mouth Disease."—Advertiser, April 4.

As the Star feels that it is being abused nothing more need be said. It is not the wish of this paper to lacerate the feelings of the young and helpless. Try Chamberlain's Pain Balm.—Advertiser, April 2.

With one voice the Star protests against the dreadful abuse of the Advertiser and with another voice it pretends to like the infliction and wants more of it. Even in this matter our asteroid contemporary finds itself on both sides at once. Try Chamberlain's Straddle Cure.—Advertiser, April 3.

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